

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1126

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kenneth McCallie and the McCallie Family of Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, proud of his Tennessee farming family heritage, Kenneth McCallie, a lifelong resident of Birchwood, is a seventh-generation farmer; and

WHEREAS, born on July 26, 1936, to William Hayes McCallie and Dorothy Wilson McCallie, Kenneth Ray McCallie graduated from Birchwood High School and attended the University of Tennessee before returning home to work on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the McCallies raised tobacco, row crops, beef cattle, swine, poultry, produce, and timber on 160 acres; after his marriage to Peggy DeFriesse, Kenneth McCallie helped her family farm their 225 acres, raising produce and timber; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth McCallie purchased 100 acres on which to raise his family of four children, Diane McCallie Swafford, Kenneth Eugene McCallie, Sarah McCallie Parker, and Suzanne McCallie Bradford; today, this land continues to be farmed with the help of sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a prominent pioneer family of Tennessee, the McCallie Family originally settled in Blount County after emigrating from Scotland in the 1770s, prior to Tennessee becoming a state in 1796, relocating to Hamilton County in the 1830s; and

WHEREAS, the lineage of the McCallie Family in Tennessee began with Alexander McCallie, who came from Whithorn, Scotland, with his son, John McCallie, and settled in Blount County; John McCallie was the father of Archibald "Archie" McCallie, who relocated the family to

Hamilton County; Archie McCallie was the father of Archibald Lafayette McCallie, who proudly served in the Union Army as a member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Tennessee Infantry during the Civil War; Archibald Lafayette McCallie and his son, Thomas Jefferson McCallie, farmed the river bottom lands during the late 1800s and early 1900s; Thomas Jefferson McCallie's son, William Hayes McCallie, would continue the McCallie farm tradition and instill the family's tremendous work ethic into his son, the current family patriarch, Kenneth Ray McCallie; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by their peers in the field of agriculture, the McCallies have been longtime members of Hamilton County Farm Bureau, which Kenneth McCallie served as president from 2007 to 2018; he is an active member of the Shorthorn Cattle Association and a former member of the Rhea County Farm Services Board; and

WHEREAS, pillars of their community, the McCallies have always been deeply committed to the promotion of education, children, and agriculture in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Kenneth McCallie and the McCallie Family, who demonstrate a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Kenneth McCallie and the McCallie Family for their dedication to agriculture, recognizing the importance of the family farm to our rural communities and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Kenneth McCallie and the McCallie Family for their many contributions to the State of Tennessee, commend their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.